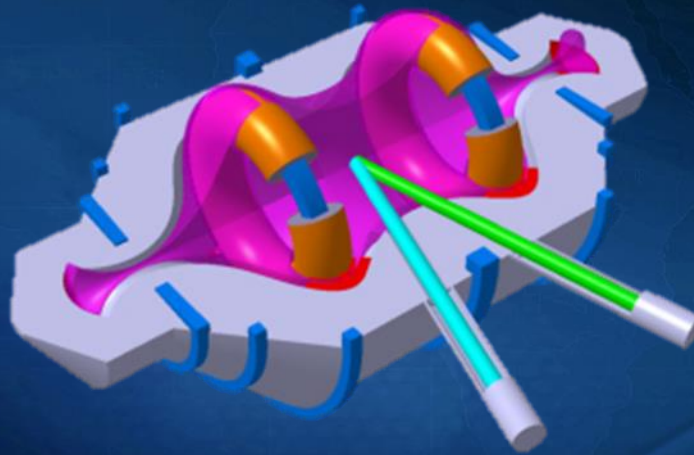




Compact Fusion Reactor - CFR



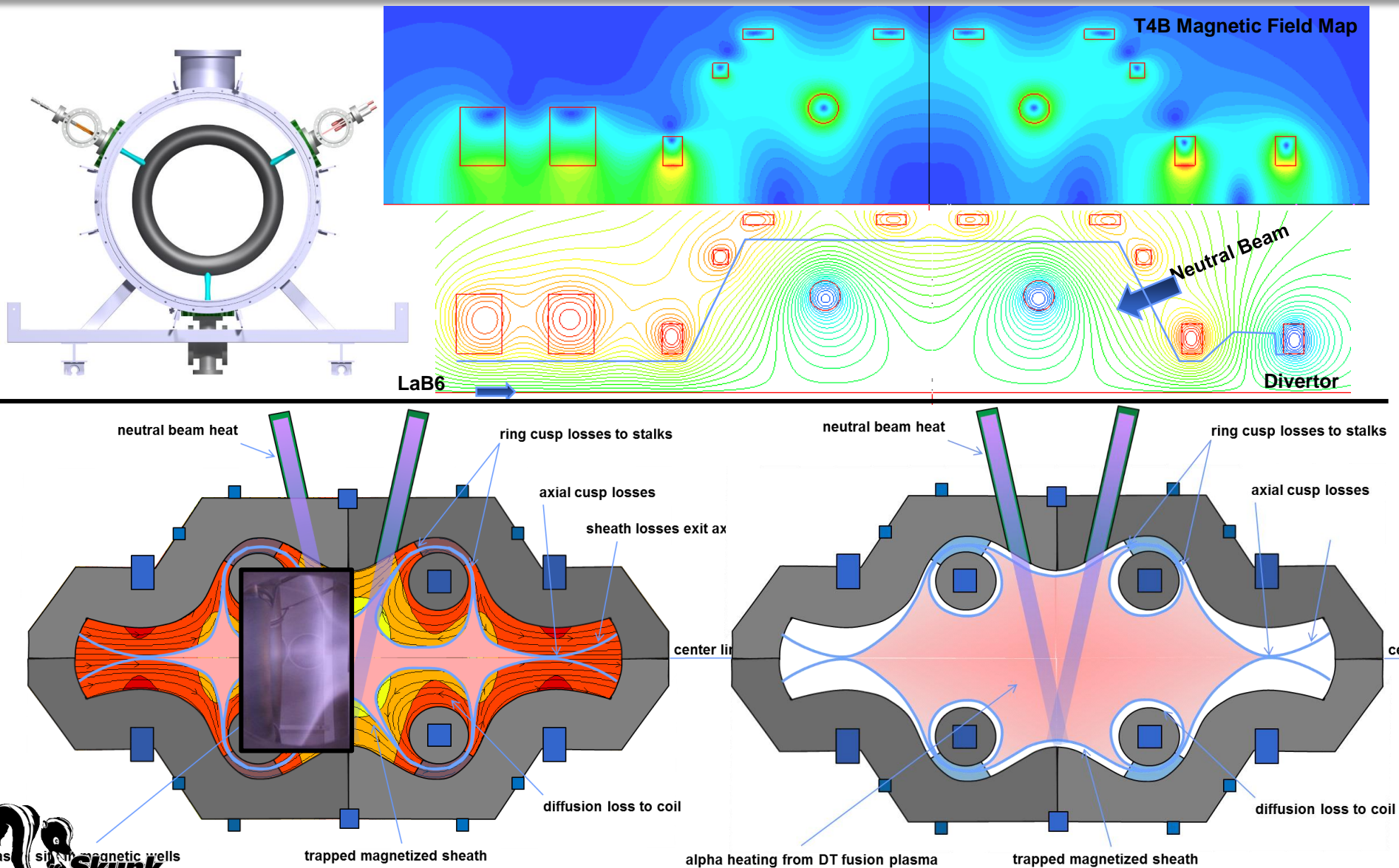
Overview, Status And Development Plan

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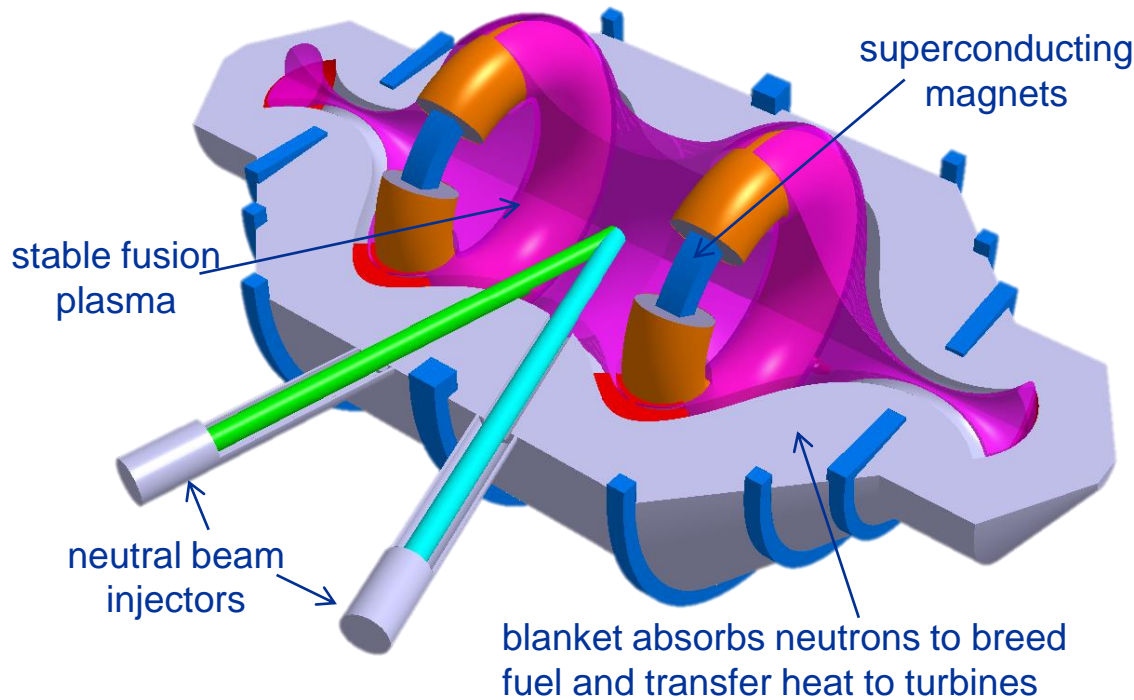


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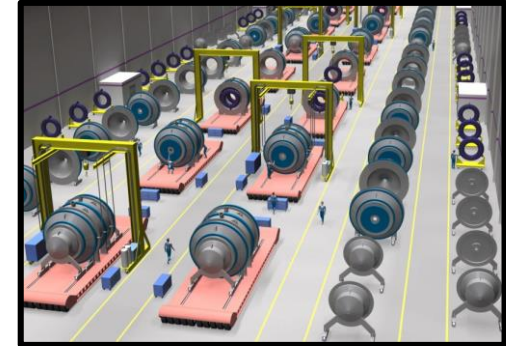
CFR –Diamagnetic Sheath Confinement



CFR - Compact Fusion Reactor Concept



Applications



TX



LCS-1



C-5

100 MW electric output - 80,000 homes
Compact and elegant, 15.5 m X 6.5 m OD
200-1000 metric tons
Cheap and safe to build and operate
Burns < 20 kg DT fuel/year

CFR - Systematic Development Plan



Ultimate goal: Achieve reactor conditions

T5 Goal: Show plasma heating and inflation, measure sheaths and losses

- Demo high density plasma source
- Demo neutral beam capture / confinement
- Measure sheath size, cusp losses
- Characterize kinetic and fluid instabilities

T6 High temperature experiment

- Magnetic shielding of stalks
- High field superconducting coil design

T7 DD reactor conditions demonstration

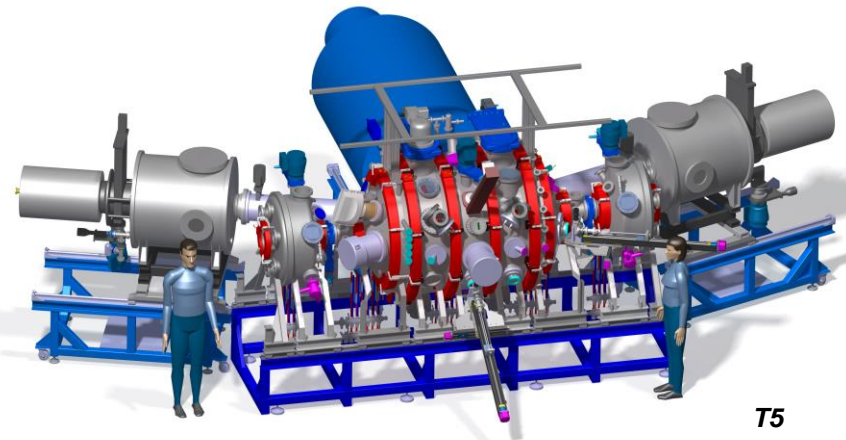
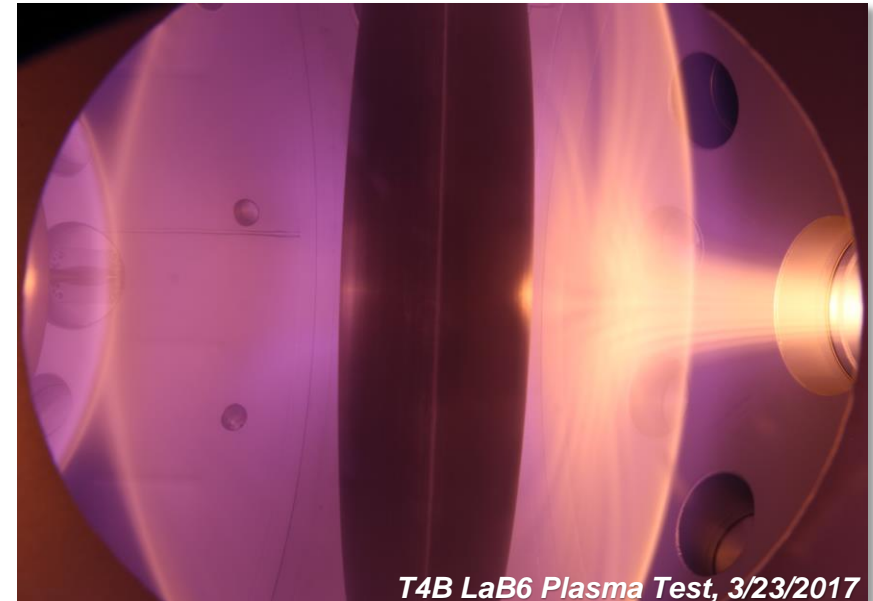
- Full power and size

T8 DT ignited reactor demonstration

- Alpha product confinement / stability

TX reactor development

- Modular, survivable blanket
- Tritium breeding and processing
- Robust subsystems development
- Regulatory regime and deployment



CFR - T4B Heating Experiment



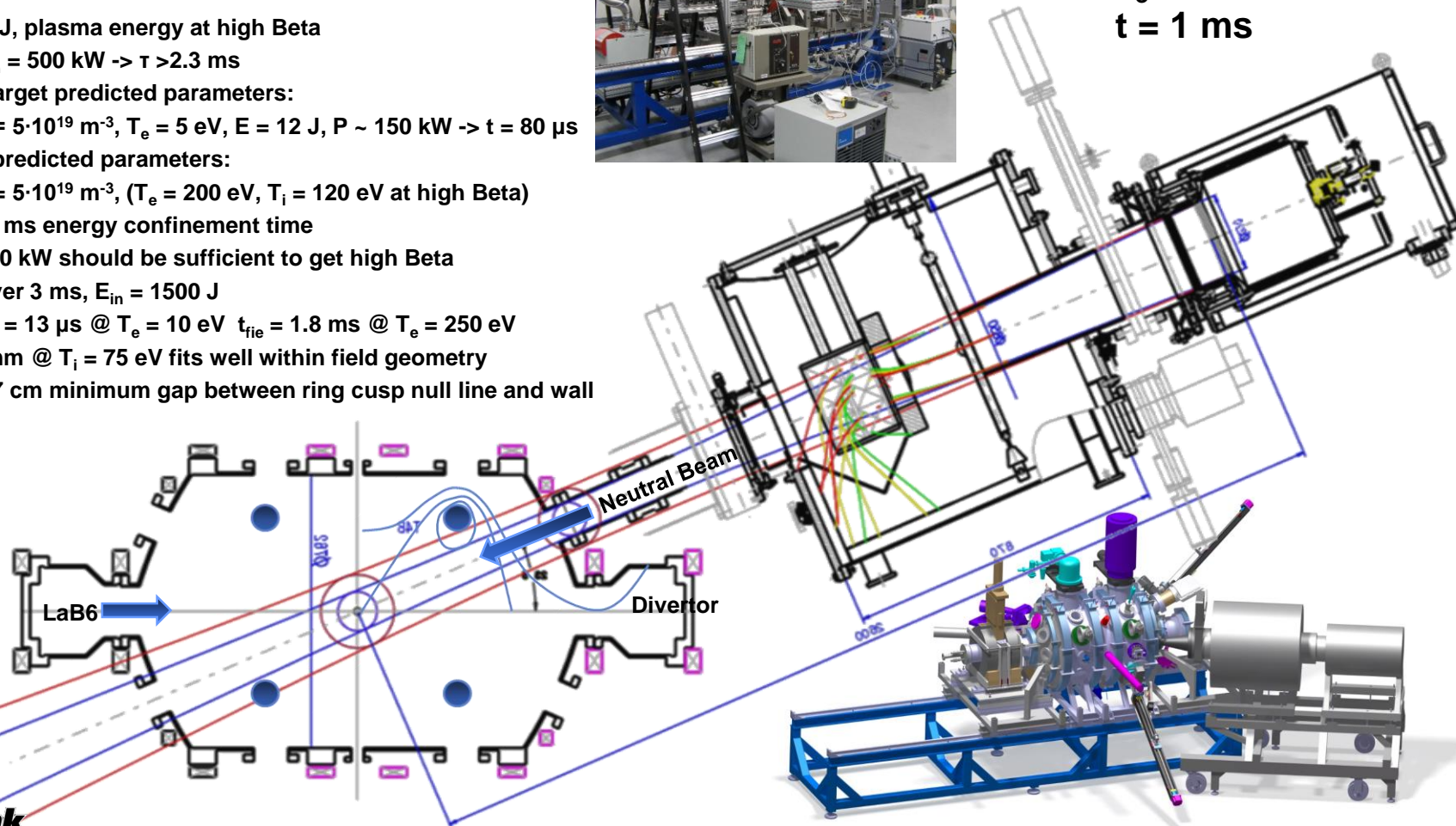
Experiment parameters

- $B_p = 0.1$ T, vacuum plasma edge field
- $B_{ring} = 0.23$ T, $MR_{ring} = 1.3$
- $B_{mirror} = 0.47$, $MR_{mirror} = 2.6$
- $V = 0.2$ m³
- $E = 1170$ J, plasma energy at high Beta
 - $P_{in} = 500$ kW $\rightarrow \tau > 2.3$ ms
- Source/target predicted parameters:
 - $n = 5 \cdot 10^{19}$ m⁻³, $T_e = 5$ eV, $E = 12$ J, $P \sim 150$ kW $\rightarrow t = 80$ μ s
- Heating predicted parameters:
 - $n = 5 \cdot 10^{19}$ m⁻³, ($T_e = 200$ eV, $T_i = 120$ eV at high Beta)
 - 18 ms energy confinement time
- $P_{heat} = 500$ kW should be sufficient to get high Beta
 - Over 3 ms, $E_{in} = 1500$ J
 - $t_{fie} = 13$ μ s @ $T_e = 10$ eV $t_{fie} = 1.8$ ms @ $T_e = 250$ eV
- $\rho_i = 6.7$ mm @ $T_i = 75$ eV fits well within field geometry
 - 3.7 cm minimum gap between ring cusp null line and wall



Source Parameters

$P_{LaB6} = 70$ kW
 $n_e > 2 \cdot 10^{19}$ m⁻³
 $T_e = 4$ eV
 $t = 1$ ms



CFR - Acceleration Opportunities



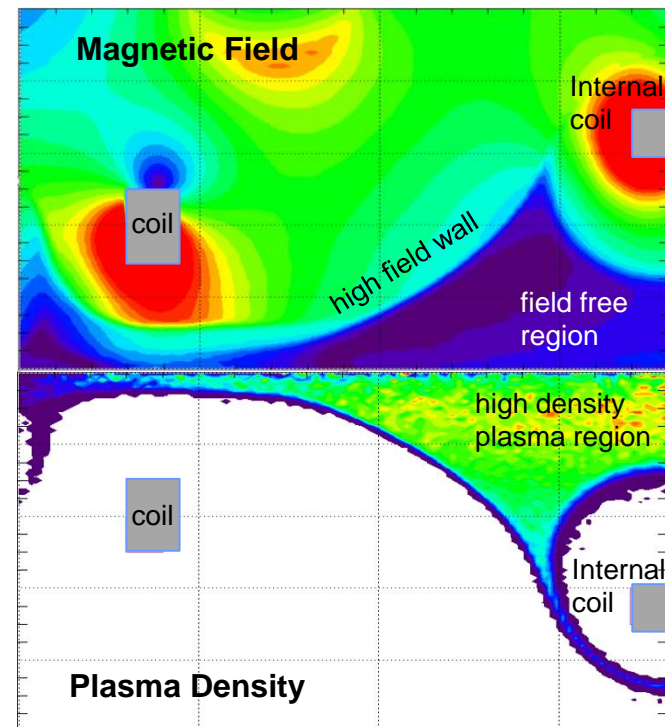
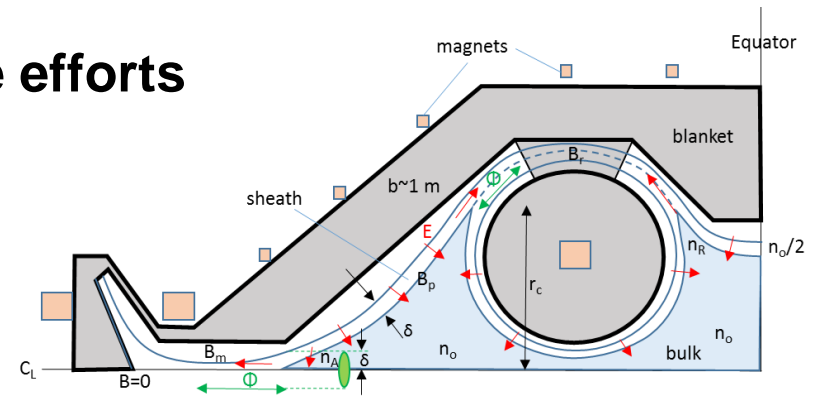
Potential accelerator and collaborative efforts

Fusion Physics Demonstration

- *Modeling and predictive capabilities*
- *Source development*
- *Diagnostics*
- *Neutral beam development*
- *Internal coil support magnetic shielding*

Fusion Engineering Development

- *High temperature superconducting coils*
- *Blanket and power plant concept design*
- *Tritium regulatory planning*
- *Reactor material development*



LSP code
RZ domain
10 cm x 18 cm
0.5 mm grid
2M particles
400 ns
20 processors
72 hr run

CFR – The Path to Clean, Unlimited Energy



- **CFR concept - efficient & stable magnetic confinement**
- **Rapid design cycles build toward self-heating system and 100 MW_e scale power plants in 2020s**
- **Results to date are promising - stable cold, dense target plasma suitable for neutral beam heating**
- **Upcoming heating experiments will investigate transition to high beta, sheath mode of confinement**
- **Modeling, diagnostics, and long lead subsystems are good opportunities for collaboration and parallel development to accelerate progress**



